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by inserting the following sections and by redesignating Section 2 of the printed bill as Section 8:

SECTION 2. The department referred to herein is the "Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation".

SECTION 3. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation shall determine the number of employees needed to carry out the powers, contractual obligations and functions which were previously transferred to the department from the Tennessee Elk River Development Agency. There are hereby created within the career service and within the department such positions as the department shall determine to be necessary to carry out these activities, including administrative and law enforcement personnel.

SECTION 4. Recognizing the years of service to the state of Tennessee by employees of the Tennessee Elk River Development Agency, it is the intention of the general assembly that those Tennessee Elk River Development Agency employees who now serve in jobs that would be classified as career service as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-30-208, receive the benefits and protection of career service status upon passage of this act, without further examination or competition; provided, however, that such employees shall have completed at least six (6) months service.

SECTION 5. As of the effective date of this act, all employees of Tennessee Elk River Development Agency who have continued in their positions under the supervision of the department, and all employees of the department who have been designated by

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the department to administer the activities transferred from the Tennessee Elk River Development Agency, shall be members of the state career service and shall be granted career service status without further examination or competition; provided, however, that such employees shall have completed at least six (6) months service.

SECTION 6. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 30, Part 3, relative to noncompetitive and entrance tests and appointment and promotion lists shall not apply to personnel transactions made pursuant to the provisions of this act. Any employee affected by this act shall, however, be eligible for promotion pursuant to the provisions of such chapter.

SECTION 7. No employee affected by this act shall be subject to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 8-30-312 through 8-30-314, except as otherwise provided by this act, if such employee has been employed for at least six (6) months on the effective date of this act.

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